Families living Below Poverty Line

†494. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families living Below Poverty Line in various States of the country; State-wise;

(b) the rate at which foodgrains are being provided to such families;

(c) whether Government have taken any effective steps to reduce prices of foodgrains being supplied to these families; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The number of families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in various States/UTs as per Planning Commission estimates and the retail issue prices at which foodgrains are being provided to them as reported by State Governments/ UT Administration are indicated in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) and (d) The Central Issue Price (CIP) of foodgrains for BPL families was fixed at 50% of economic cost of FCI w.e.f. 1.4.2000 i.e., Rs.450 per quintal for wheat and Rs. 590 per quintal for rice. This was revised downward to Rs. 415 per quintal for wheat and Rs. 565 per quintal for rice in July, 2000. BPL prices have not been revised even though FCI's economic cost has gone up. BPL prices in respect of wheat and rice are now about 48% of FCI's economic cost.

Statement

State-wise Number of BPL Families and retail issue price for BPL Families

SI No.	States	No. of BPL Household as Per (as on 1.3.2000) (in lakhs)	Retail Issue price (Rs. Per Kg)	
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	40.36	-	5.25
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	40.63	4.65	6.15

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

3.	Assam	18.36	-	627-6.67
4.	Bihar	65.23	4.73	6.22
5.	Goa	0.48	-	6.15
6.	Gujarat	21.20	2.00	3.00
7.	Haryana	7.89	4.65	-
8.	Hknachal Pradesh	5.14	5.15	6.90
9.	JandK	7.36	4.75	6.25
10.	Karnataka	31.29	4.65	6.15
11.	Kerala	15.54	-	6.20
12.	Madhya Pradesh	41.25	4.65	6.15
13.	Maharashtra	65.34	5.00	6.75
14.	Manipur	1.66	-	4.00
15.	Meghalaya	1.83	-	6.40
16.	Mizoram	0.68	-	6.15
17.	Nagaland	1.24	4.75	6.15
18.	Orissa	32.98	4.90	475-6.30
19.	Punjab	4.68	4.26	5.77
20.	Rajasthan	24.31	4.60	6.15
21.	Sikkim	0.43	-	4.00
22.	Tamil Nadu	48.63	2.00	3.50
23.	Tripura	2.95	-	6.15
24.	Uttar Pradesh	106.79	4.65	6.15
25.	West Bengal	51.79	4.65	6.15
26.	A and N Islands	0.28	4.65	6.15
27.	Chandigarh	0.23	4.50	6.02
28.	D and N Haveli	0.18	4.65	6.00
29.	Daman & Diu	0.04	5.00	6.40
30.	Delhi	4.09	4.65	-
31.	Lakshadweep*	0.03	-	-
32.	Pondicherry	0.84	-	3.90-
33.	Chhattisgarh	18.75	4.65	6.15
34.	Jharkhand	23.94	4.74	6.22
35.	Uttaranchal	4.98	4.65	6.15

* TPDS has not been launched.